

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/718,859

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment After Final filed April 22, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2,3,13,18,19,29,33,36-39 and 41-45.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 21 November 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

In response to Amendment After Final filed April 22, 2005

Reasons for Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
 - a. Claims 2 – 3, 13 and 43 are allowable over the Prior Art of Record because it fails to teach or suggest a method for enabling a command to switch the measure mode to be entered in a dimension measuring column provided with a probe tip wherein said command to switch the measure mode is entered by pressing the probe tip against a piece to be measured during a time interval greater than a predetermined value in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.
 - b. Claim 18 – 19 and 44 are allowable over the Prior Art of Record because it fails to teach or suggest a dimension-measuring column comprising a probe tip wherein at least one of said measure modes can be selected by acting on the position of the probe tip without any other handling operating being necessary and wherein said measure mode can be selected by pressing the probe tip against the piece to be measured during a time interval greater than a predetermined value in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

c. Claim 29 is allowable over the Prior Art of Record because it fails to teach or suggest a computer data carrier comprising a command program for measuring and displaying system in a dimension measuring column, wherein said program enables another of said measure modes to be selected by acting on the position of the probe tip in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

d. Claims 33 and 45 are allowable over the Prior Art of Record because it fails to teach or suggest a method enabling a command to switch a measure mode to be entered in a dimension measuring column provided with a probe tip, wherein said command to switch the measure mode is entered by pressing said probe tip against a piece to be measured during a time interval shorter than a predetermined value in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

e. Claims 36 and 41 are allowable over the Prior Art of Record because it fails to teach or suggest a method enabling a command to switch the measure mode to be entered in a dimension measuring column provided with a probe tip wherein said command to switch the measure mode is entered by maintaining the probe tip pressed against said piece to be measured during a time interval longer than a predetermined time greater than zero in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

f. Claims 37 and 42 are allowable over the Prior Art of Record because it fails to teach or suggest a dimension-measuring column a probe tip wherein a command to switch the measure mode is entered upon a detection of a pressing force between the probe tip and a piece to be measured during a time interval longer than a predetermined time greater than zero in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

g. Claim 38 is allowable over the Prior Art of Record because it fails to teach or suggest a method enabling a command to switch the measure mode to be entered in a height measuring column provided with a probe tip wherein said command to switch the measure mode is entered by pressing said probe tip against a piece to be measured and wherein said height measuring column remains in said measure mode as long as sufficient pressing force is exerted by the probe tip against the piece to be measured in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

h. Claim 39 is allowable over the Prior Art of Record because it fails to teach or suggest a method enabling a command to switch the measure mode to be entered in a dimension measuring column provided with a probe tip wherein said command to switch the measure mode is entered by only making use of the position of said probe tip along only one of said one or more measuring axis in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

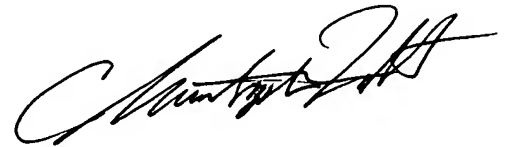
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yaritza Guadalupe whose telephone number is (571)272 -2244. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diego F.F. Gutierrez can be reached on (571) 272-2245. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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April 28, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher W. Fulton", written in a cursive style.

CHRISTOPHER W. FULTON
PRIMARY EXAMINER